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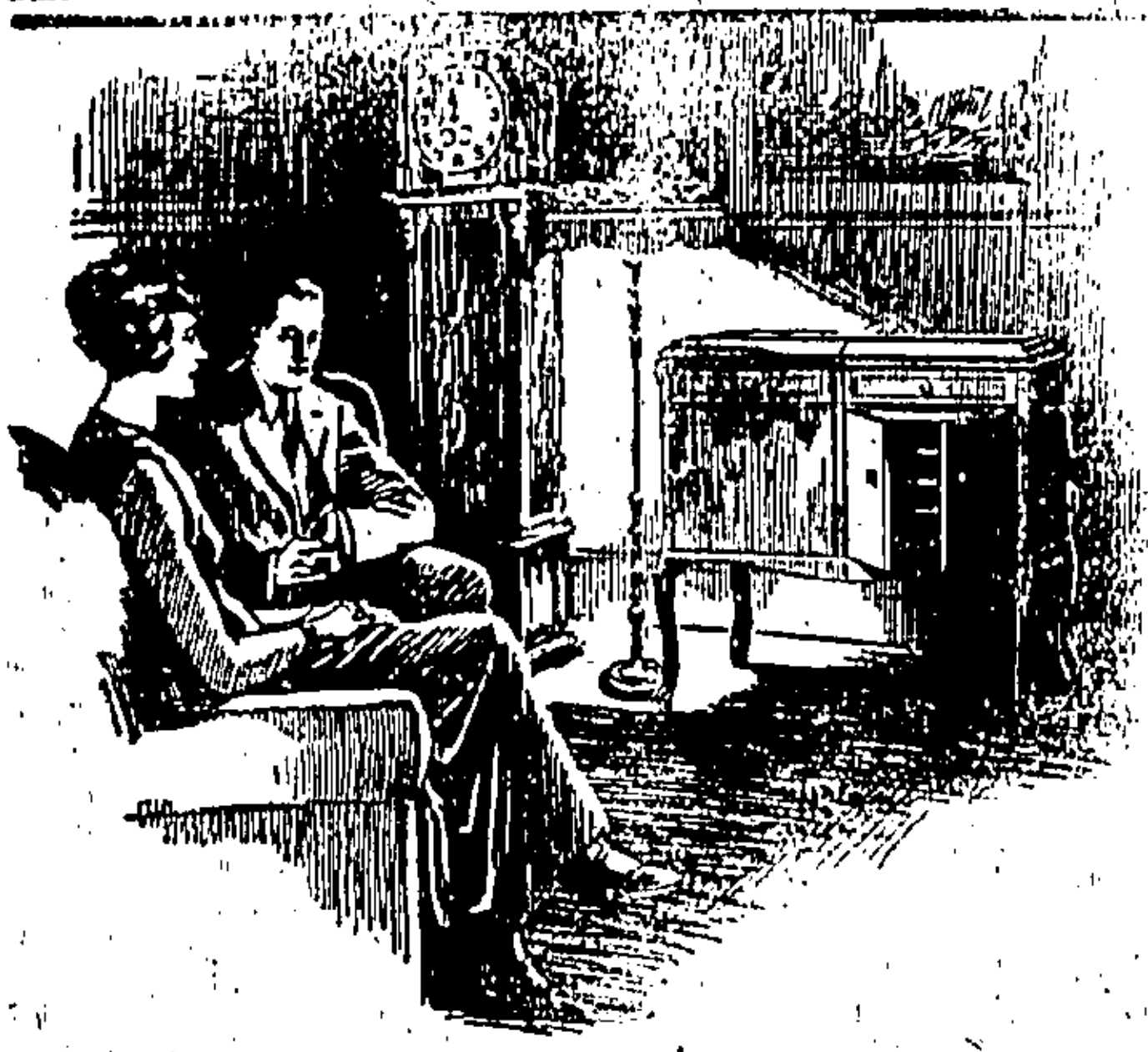
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SERMON ON THE MOUNT. IDEALISM IN THE COMMONS. HONOUR OF AN ENGLISHMAN. (Reuters General Service)

LONDON, March 17.
The phrase "government according to the Sermon on the Mount" did yeoman service in the House of Commons discussion on the Army Estimates when the Labour member Mr. Ayles moved a reduction in the gross personnel of 101,000 by 150,000.
The amendment was supported by several other Labour members but it was finally rejected by 347 to 13 votes.
Mr. Ayles declared the amendment was intended as a protest against the militaristic trend of Army policy. He stated that a nation brave enough to lay down its arms amidst an armed world would be the only safe nation.
Numerous Labour members, however, eloquently opposed the resolution, notably Col. John Ward, who drew cheers by stating that the man who did not defend the grand old country was unworthy of the name of Englishman.
Mr. Montague wanted idealism to have its feet on the ground even if its head were in the clouds.

HUGE EASTERN TRADE. BRITAIN'S £1,100,000,000 TURNOVER. LOW PROTECTIVE COST.

LONDON, March 17.
In the House of Commons, replying to Commr. Bellairs (Conservative), the Parliamentary Secretary of the Admiralty, Mr. C. G. Ammon, stated the aggregate value of the Empire's trade in 1922 in Eastern waters and the East of Africa, was £1,100,000,000.
The cost of maintenance of British squadrons, including ships of the Dominion navies, in Eastern waters and the Pacific was £5,542,000.

DANGER AHEAD. SHIPBUILDING LOCKOUT THREATENED. DISPUTE OVER WAGES.

LONDON, March 17.
The Shipbuilding Employers' Federation threatens a national lockout unless speedy settlement is reached in the unofficial strike of engineers at Southampton who are demanding an increase of 17s. 6d. a week to bring them into line with London dock workers.
The Federation has summoned a full joint meeting at Carlisle on March 20.

PRESSING BUSINESS. LONDON, March 17.

The House of Commons unanimously passed a motion that the Government should take the whole time of the House until the end of the financial year.
Mr. J. R. Clynes, Deputy Leader of the House, moving the motion, emphasised that taking private members' time was inevitable owing to the very heavy programme of financial business. The Government did not propose to take any legislation before the second reading of the Consolidated Fund Bill on March 26, except the Local Authorities emergency—Provision Bill which was not contentious.
Mr. Stanley Baldwin, intimating that the Opposition would not oppose the motion, pointed out that the objection previously was to taking the time of Conservative and Liberal members and not of Labour members.

CUTTING OFF THEIR NOSES. INDIAN AGITATORS' FOLLY.

DELHI, March 17.
Amid Swarajists' cheers, the Legislative Assembly rejected the finance bill by 60 to 57 votes, after Sir Malcolm Hailey had declared the obstruction would prejudice the Swarajists' case at the British Parliament would view the rejection as a demonstration of irresponsibility.
[Speaking on the Finance Bill, Sir B. P. Blackett, K.C.B., Minister of Finance, said that the Viceroy had agreed to the demands on account of Opium, Salt and Customs Taxes, but the demand regarding Income Tax had been refused last week by the Legislative Assembly.]

CHINESE LABOUR CONDITIONS. LONDON, March 17.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Baker asked what steps the British Government proposed to take in the extraterritorial districts of China under British control to support the request of the Chinese Government that international labour conventions should be applied in territories under non-Chinese sovereignty.
Mr. Ramsay MacDonald replied that no such request had been received.

PACIFIST LEADER ARRESTED. BERLIN, March 17.

The German pacifist leader Professor Qudden has been arrested in Munich by order of the public prosecutor in connection with a letter he is alleged to have sent recently to General von Seeckt, declaring that youths are receiving military training in all parts of Germany under Reichswehr supervision.

WORLD TENNIS. TWENTY-THREE NATIONS COMPETING. DAVIS CUP DRAW. (Reuters American Service.)

WASHINGTON, March 17.
The draw for the Davis Cup was made in the White House, President Coolidge drawing the first name. The Ambassadors and Ministers of the entered nations drew for their respective continents.
The "European" zone comprised seventeen nations and the American zone six.
Owing to the odd number, the European zone draw required fifteen byes, the only first round match being the British Isles versus Belgium.
In the American zone first round Cuba plays Canada, and Australia plays China, with Japan and Mexico byes.
In the European zone second round Ireland meets France, Holland meets India, South Africa meets Argentina, Denmark meets Hungary, Italy meets Roumania, Austria meets Switzerland, and New Zealand meets Czechoslovakia; while Spain plays the winner of the British Isles versus Belgium match.
In the American second round Japan plays the winner of the Cuba-Canada match, and Mexico meets the winner of the Australia-China contest.

ROUND THE WORLD. AEROPLANES' LONG FLIGHT.

SANTA MONICA, CALIFORNIA, March 17.
Three army aeroplane cruises started this morning on a 3,000-mile trip round the world. Major Frederick Martin is commanding the flight which will begin with a 400-mile sail to Sacramento.
SACRAMENTO, March 18:
The world fliers have arrived here.
[The aeroplane fleet starts from the East Coast and flies to the Pacific Coast, thence to Alaska and across the Bering Strait, then via the islands to India whence it will go to Persia, Scandinavia, Greenland and so home.]

EMPHATIC DENIAL. MEXICAN REVOLT CHARGES.

MEXICO CITY, March 17.
The Vice President of the Elagula Petroleum Corporation, in a letter to the newspapers, emphatically denies President Obregon's charges.
[President Obregon declared that high officials of a certain petroleum corporation belonging to British interests actively aided the Vera Cruz revolt by the provision of money and ships, simultaneously obstructing the Federal Government's attempts to suppress the movement. He said he intended to submit the matter to the Attorney-General for investigation.]

WHITE HOUSE INCIDENT. WASHINGTON, March 17.

It is announced that President Coolidge has written to Anton Lang, of the Oberammergau players regretting that any misunderstanding should have marked their visit to the White House.
[President Coolidge cut short yesterday's interview with the Oberammergau Passion players owing to the appeal of one of them for American interposition on behalf of Germany, Mr. Coolidge deeming the request contrary to the White House customs on such occasions.]

RELIEF CREDITS. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, in a note to M. Jusserand, the French Ambassador, dated December 14, and just published, rejects the French suggestion to create an international agency to deal with questions arising out of the relief credits extended to European countries during and just after the war.

AMERICA'S NEXT PRESIDENT? WASHINGTON, March 17.

Senator La Follette has agreed to accept the Third Party nomination for the Presidency. If the Republican Convention again nominates Mr. Coolidge and adopts a conservative platform.
The Johnson Immigration Bill, which has been again introduced in the House of Representatives, retains the 1920 census as the basis of calculating the two per cent quota of immigrant.

NEWSPAPER CHANGES HANDS. NEW YORK, March 18.

Mr. Ogden Reid, Editor and Managing Director of the Tribune, announces that he has purchased the New York Herald, including the Paris edition from Mr. Frank Munsey. The Herald will be combined with the Tribune.

UNEASY LIES THE HEAD. TAKHARA, March 18.

The Progressive Party which with the Socialists support has a majority in Parliament, has made a statement in favour of abrogation of the Shu and the establishment of a Republic.

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NOTICE.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 20th March 1924, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1923.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be closed from the 8th to the 20th March 1924 (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI TELES. LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong & Shanghai Teles. Ltd., will be held at The Hongkong Hotel, Pedder Street, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 22nd March, 1924, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the year ended the 31st December, 1923, confirming the appointment of Directors, and re-electing a Director and the Auditors. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from Friday the 14th March, 1924, until Saturday the 22nd March, 1924, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PERCY H. SUCKLING,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th March, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-EIGHTH YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, at 5.30 p.m.

By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the members of the Hongkong Club, called in pursuance of a requisition by more than 20 resident members, will be held in the Club House on TUESDAY, the 25th March, 1924, immediately after the yearly general meeting.

As set forth in the notice posted in the Hall of the Club.
By order,
T. A. ROBERTSON,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 15th March, 1924.

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on THURSDAY, the 27th March, 1924, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December 1923.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 13th to the 27th March 1924, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co. Ltd.
Hongkong, 8th March, 1924.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY-SIXTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on MONDAY the 31st March 1924, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1923.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to 31st March, 1924, both days inclusive.

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HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on MONDAY, March 24th, 1924, at 4 o'clock precisely, in the OLD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE ROOM, City Hall, for the following purposes:

1. To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1923.
2. To elect a New Committee.
3. To transact any General Business.

By order,
D. K. BLAIR,
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Hongkong, 12th March, 1924.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

A Swaine's dessert service painted with flower sprays fetched £81 18s. at Christie's.

A savings bank account is opened with £5. for every baby born to a member of the Women's Institute at Bourton, Dorset.

The Canadian Geological Survey announces new discoveries of high-grade silver ore in the Beaver River district of the Yukon territory.

In a farm fire on the Manor estate, Inverurie, Aberdeenshire, ten cattle were burned including a pedigree bull and five valuable cows.

Mr. Charles P. Markham, of Ringwood Hall, Chesterfield, chairman of several firms, steel, and coal companies, has given £10,000 to the Chesterfield Hospital.

Three months' imprisonment was imposed at Glasgow on James Currie, who cut 21 engravings from books in the Mitchell Library and sold them.

A lunatic, John Jackson, aged 54, who escaped from the West Sussex Mental Hospital at Chichester was recaptured later on a road near Pulborough, 15 miles from Chichester.

Police-Sergeant Henry Mortimore, stationed at Woolwich Arsenal, was found dead, shot in the head, in the police office at the Harrow Manorway gate of the Arsenal.

David Hopkin John, a tax officer at Port Talbot, Glamorgan, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment on charges of stealing £110 of inland revenue money.

The Greek Republican deputy General Pazzalos, assaulted by the Royalist deputy, M. Tzonis, as he was leaving the Parliament buildings, levelled a revolver at his assailant, but was disarmed.

Due to the temporary discharge or suspension on account of the railway strike, the registered unemployed on January 28 numbered 1,254,700, being 69,019 more than in the preceding week.

At Oakham, Rutland, licensing sessions it was reported that no resident of the county was convicted of drunkenness last year, the only two cases of insobriety being against non-residents.

Still captain, at the age of 81, of the Southern (Warwickshire) Fire Brigade, Mr. William Cardall has just celebrated his diamond wedding. A son and a grandson of his are in the fire brigade also.

The Hungarian Roman Catholic bishops, alarmed by modern facilities for divorce, have united in issuing a long pastoral letter emphasizing the holiness of marriage and the national importance of clean morals.

A message from Copenhagen states that the name of the great Russian naval fortress at the head of the Gulf of Finland is to be changed from Kronstadt to Kroyest Hiltje, meaning "Lent's fortification."

A fire at the church in which they were married seven years ago in Russia having destroyed all marriage records, a Russian physician and his wife who live at Hampstead have been re-married in a London register office.

A report issued by the Mexican Legation in London stated that in the fighting for the town of Esperanza, which the Federal forces have captured, the Mexican rebels lost more than 2,000 killed and 1,000 prisoners.

Middlesex County Council has agreed to make representations to the Government with a view to bringing pressure to bear on the railway companies concerned to effect the early extension northwards of the tube from Finsbury Park.

The 1.30 p.m. G.W.R. non-stop Worcester express, delayed by fog at the start from Paddington, covered the 120 1/2 miles in 118 minutes, saving 12 minutes on the booked time and averaging more than 61 miles an hour.

In view of Middleborough Corporation's policy of buying foreign cement, the Unemployment Grants Committee have informed them that grants will be withheld unless British cement tenders are accepted, provided that the difference in price is not too great.

A provisional licence was extended for a year by Brighton licensing justices to the promoters of a £250,000 scheme, embracing a cinema, variety theatre, and winter garden, held up by lack of houses for tenants to be displaced and by the high cost of building.

The "Bank Polski" is being formed in Warsaw, with a capital of 100,000,000 zloty, to replace the present Polish State Bank. The zloty is the new Polish currency equivalent to one gold franc (approximately 94d.). Subscriptions in London are being made to the Bank for Commerce and Industry in Warsaw, Ltd.

STRANGE DIVORCE CASE.

CAPTAIN EUSTACE TO PAY £2,500 DAMAGES.

Cap. Francis Eustace was co-respondent in the Divorce Court in London on February 26, when a Ludlow gentleman farmer, Mr. Guy Coldwell, obtained a decree nisi against his wife on the ground of misconduct with Capt. Eustace, who is a son of Major-General Sir Francis Eustace.

Mr. Marshall Hall, for the petitioner, stated that Mr. Coldwell married in 1922 and had four children. Capt. Eustace, whom Mr. Coldwell met serving in Italy, stayed at his house in 1920. Respondent left shortly after with two children and secretly went to Ireland. Plaintiff followed her to Greystown, House, Nenagh. She refused to return, and her husband then took proceedings in the Irish Courts and obtained the custody of the children. The wife returned to him in 1922, but left again in 1923 when she wrote from Nenagh, saying that she had returned to Greystown for good.

Petitioner's brother, Major Coldwell, went to Ireland, but failed to persuade her to return. Major Coldwell, while in Ireland in the company of the co-respondent, was attacked by armed robbers, who stripped both of everything they possessed, and only gave the Major his half return ticket, saying that if he did not leave Ireland, he would be shot. Major Coldwell, while in Ireland, found a letter that Eustace wrote the respondent beseeching her to leave her husband, saying inter alia "Just wire me and I will come. Shoot the whole damned house if they won't let me see you." Eustace's wife had obtained a judicial separation and hence Eustace was unable to marry respondent. Petitioner sought damages on behalf of respondent in the event of Eustace tiring of her.

Respondent was the lady accompanying Eustace when the latter was arrested on a charge of robbery.

The jury awarded £2,500 against the co-respondent. Earlier messenger stated:— Captain Francis Eustace, who is a big landlord and Master of the Tipperary Fox Hounds, was formally released by the King's Bench at Dublin to-day, under a writ of Habeas Corpus. He left the Court and was warmly congratulated by many friends, but was immediately re-arrested and later charged before the Dublin Magistrates with feloniously breaking into a warehouse at Killybegg, Tipperary, on December 15, and stealing and receiving goods. He was remanded on bail.

Captain Francis Eustace, who was sentenced some months ago by the District Judge of Tipperary to twelve months' imprisonment for an offence under the public Safety Act, successfully appealed to the King's Bench at Dublin, where Chief Justice Maclure on February 4 quashed the conviction, but did not grant costs, recognising that the Judge had made a mistake while honestly endeavouring to do his duty in difficult circumstances. When the case was first heard, Captain Eustace pleaded that, while driving a motor car, he was held up by armed men, who placed the stolen goods in his car.

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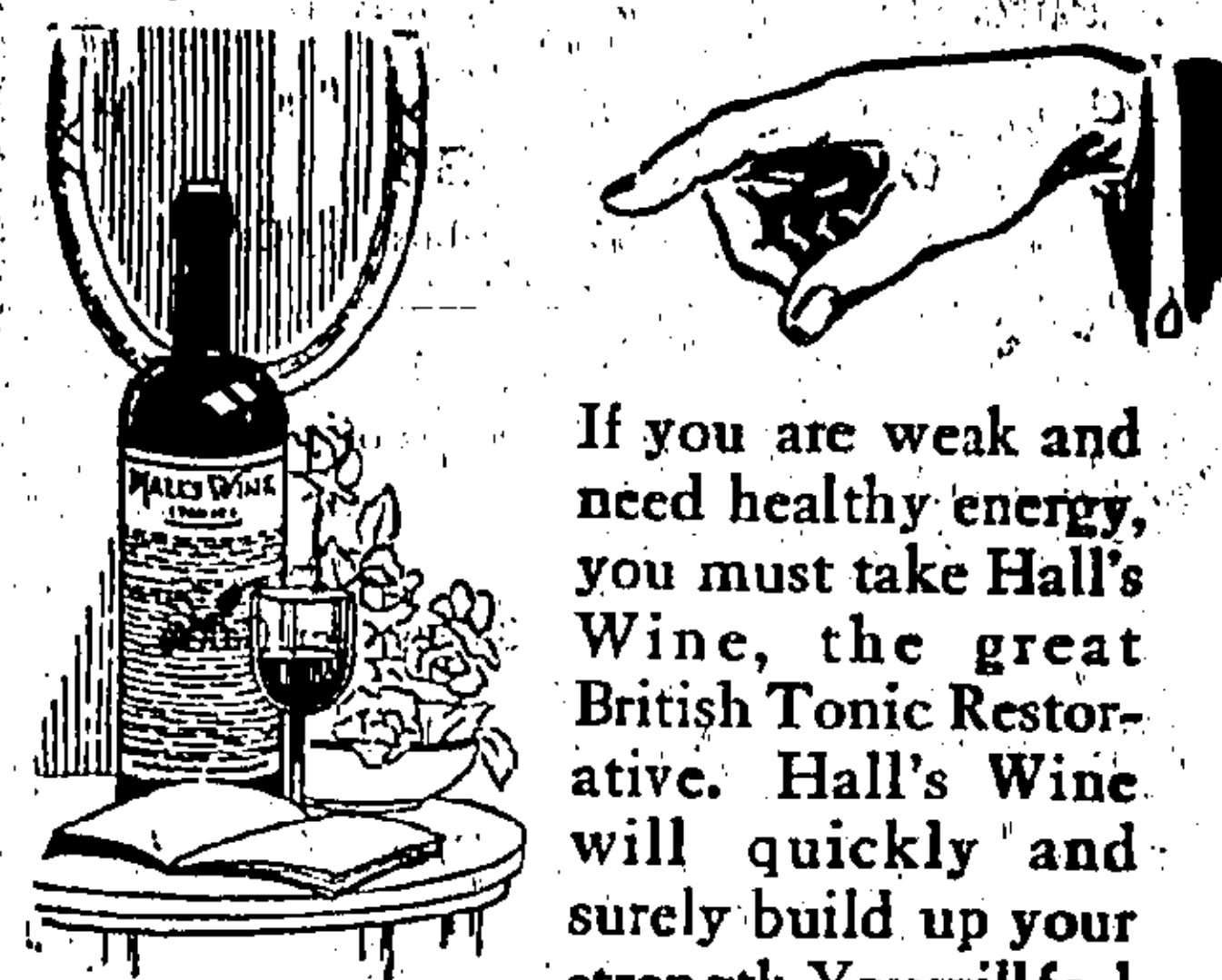
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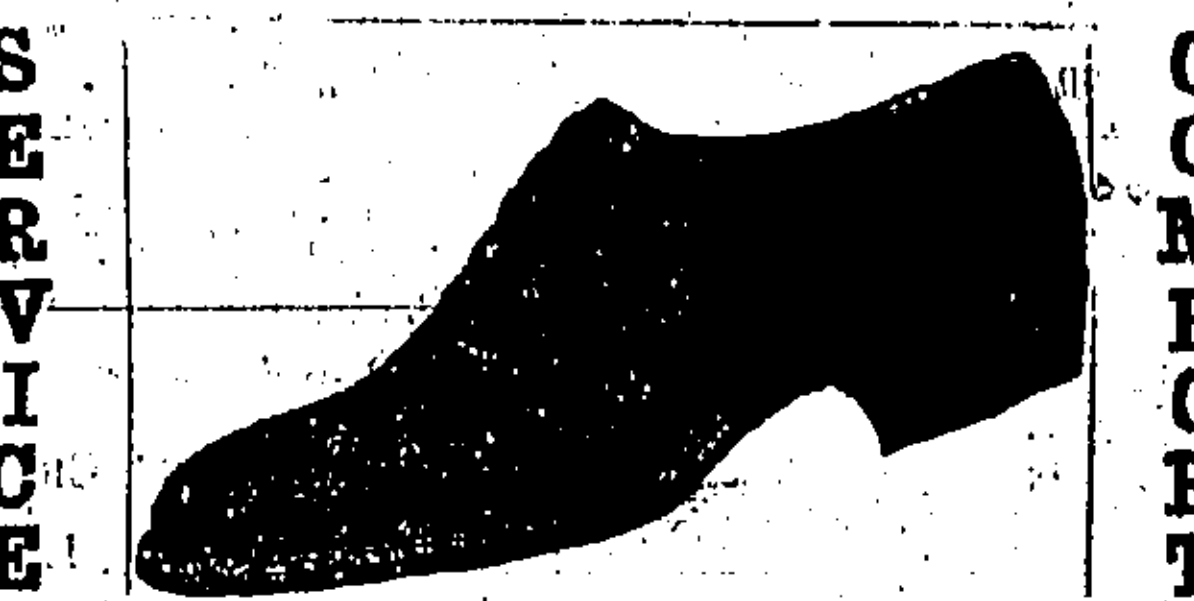
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Shanghai, to Mr. and Mrs.
S. E. Toeg, a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG TUESDAY, MAR. 18, 1924.

BRITISH SHIP SEIZURES.

Presumably nations have a perfect right to enact their own laws and to see that they are observed; but it seems clear that a little common sense should be exercised in the drafting of them and the penalties which they impose—penalties which often do not appear to fit the crime. America in one particular, at any rate, seems to be an excessive sinner. She has had every right to impose prohibition upon her own people—an imposition which by the way, if we believe all we read or are told, has not been greatly successful—and to adopt devices to keep out or prevent the reign of liquor smuggling which has followed, seemingly as a matter of course. But it is open to reasonable question if the American Authorities have any right, legal or otherwise, to seize ships of other nations, forcibly break seals, hold up ships almost indefinitely, entailing irreparable loss on inoffensive owners, and in some cases instituting claims for

matter on February 7, seemed to drop a hint that the Murray Parade Ground might form a suitable site for a New City Hall. If this is "casting shadows before," it will be hailed with not a little satisfaction. The Colony needs a new City Hall. The old and present one functions more or less satisfactorily but it is generally agreed that it is not in accordance with the Colony's expansion or able to meet all the claims of modernness that it and will be made upon it. The Parade Ground is most convenient and an imposing edifice there should be made to pay for itself before long, and should prove a rallying ground for large gatherings, functions of an imposing character, and the many things common to Town Halls, Mansion Houses and the buildings which are to be found in most big cities. The design of the building might very well be made the subject of a competition open either to local architects, or to architects within the confines of the British Empire. It will be a good opportunity to overhaul and remodel the two things which at the moment are curiously labelled "Library" and "Museum."

Opinions.

The correspondence between the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Government suggests that somehow it might have been avoided. On the one side there is a sense of anger at indifferent treatment—treatment which should have been the reverse of indifferent, and words have been flying about that, if they break no bones, tend to put nerves on edge—probably a more dangerous condition. Allegations are made that the Indian Guards on the boats are inefficient and therefore of no earthly use for the purpose for which they are engaged. The Hon. the Captain Superintendent of Police is interviewed and generally denies the charges levelled at the Guards, and characterises some of them as "gross libels." The public is between the devil and the deep sea and at once, unconsciously perhaps, takes sides. Both sets of disputants cannot be right. Are we to believe the Head of the Police whose department engages these men, or the men who have to supervise them? It is natural we think that the general public will agree with the Guild's statements. But the public will also agree that it would be far better for the Government and the Guilds to get together—and that speedily, to see who is right, and better still to formulate some plan of action that is going to put a different complexion on the state of affairs that exists at present.

A BULL-DOG, or any other specie of dog, would by any other name be the same. One of the interesting things come to light concerning Saturday's show of dogs and cats, is that there seems to be a change coming over the fashion of naming animals. Generally a short, easy sounding name is given to pets, but from the catalogue of the show, we gather that quite a number are reversing the order, and taking to names that, to say the least, seem to be a mouthful. Thus we come across "Campanion of Keller," "Lady of Lake," and "Buckingham Spot." One cat, a Persian, was dubbed "Highland Ivan." Another injustice to Scotland?

Players of APPRECIATION. pianos, it is well known can makethemselves a confounded nuisance—especially those who will inflict their untuned, inane thumpings on those who do not wish to have them. But there are exceptions. Such must be made in the case of an unknown Hotel resident who walked quietly into the Drawing Room on Sunday afternoon, raised the lid of the grand and for over half an hour gave superb renderings of excerpts from Grieg, Chopin and Beethoven. It created a solace and tired nerves and, eyes became rested in a soulful outpouring of the world's best music. It is hoped that this may catch the eye of the Hotel authorities who may be urged to institute a series of afternoon recitals.

To a Hongkong male flapper—If medals were ordained for drinks Of soft commingling with a mix, Or being at your ease belated, By Heavens, you'd be decorated. And not Alcmena's cheery son Have room to put your ribbons on.

Condemn us to the last wills and testaments of those who have things to leave for

interesting facts concerning the mentality of different people. What are we to make of the fact that a Mrs. E. A. Butcher of Liverpool left £10,538, and decreed that a Mary Fairclough was to have her cat with 12/- a week for its maintenance; or of a Mr. T. Pemberton, a Lancashire butcher who left £11,338 of which £100 each was to go to five local churches or their ministers—two Established, one Roman Catholic, one Wesleyan, and one Congregational. Surely this latter is evidence of a broad mindedness that is unrefreshingly rare?

OIL. Those who are given to bathing during the summer will find comfort in the news that it is possible to remove oil which seriously pollutes our waters and makes bathing a pleasure. Two inventions are now making it possible to "scrape off" the oil which seriously pollutes rivers and estuaries. So bad has the pollution become that enormous numbers of fish and sea birds died, including many rare visitors, and of course bathers are often much inconvenienced. The oil always floats, of course, and is now being skimmed off the surface with a machine. A considerable proportion of water is picked up at the same time, but as this can afterwards be removed the oil can be utilised, so that its collection becomes worth the trouble. Oil sweepers will therefore soon be a permanent feature around the big ports, and the Law Courts joke about motor fuel from sea water will at last have some substance in truth. Hongkong would welcome one of these "scrapers off."

Opportunity for ANOTHER sermonising is given by the words PEACE PLAN. latest suggestion to solve the world's peace. They consist of seven words and simple as they are come from a simple source. The formula is given by Anton Lang the "Christus" of the Oberammergau Passion Play, in a sentence of seven words:—Faith, and toll and helping one another. Certain it is that, if such a policy were generally followed, there would be far less need for the offer of a peace prize than seems to be the case at present.

To-day's Poem.

(Epitaph.)
I came, and opening my eyes
Beheld the beauty of the skies;
I saw the soaring of the trees,
And in them heard a talking breeze
That moved me to the heart
Although I said I did not know,
Nor what the creeks for ever spoke,
Nor what the waves cried as they broke;
In lack of an interpreter,
I saw the stars at night, at dawn
Hints of revelation quick withdrawn.
The feet of God among the grey;
And wondering still I went away.
—Frederick Niven.

WEATHER CALENDAR.

MARCH 18.

1831. I hope the wind and rain we had for a full week will be a full receipt for the Equinox, that is yet to come.—Lady Louisa Stuart.

MAN'S LOWLY ORIGIN.

Man may be excused for feeling some pride at having risen, though not through his own exertions, to the very summit of the organic scale; and the fact of his having risen, instead of having been aboriginally placed there, may give him hope for a still higher destiny in the distant future. But we are not here concerned with hopes or fears, only with the truth as far as our reason permits us to discover it, and I have given the evidence to the best of my ability. We must, however, acknowledge, as it seems to me, that man with all his noble qualities, with sympathy which feels for the most debased, with benevolence which extends not only to other men but to the humblest living creature, with his god-like intellect which has penetrated into the movements and constitution of the solar system—with all these exalted powers—Man still bears in his bodily frame the indelible stamp of his lowly origin.
—Darwin.

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SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised in The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

March 18.—Coronet Theatre; Baby Peggy in "The Darling of New York."
March 18.—Star Theatre; Zena Keefe in "Proxies."
March 18.—World Theatre; Max Linder in "Be My Wife."
March 29.—Theatre Royal, Grand Concert, 9.15 p.m.

April 2.—St. Andrew's Fete in the Church Hall and grounds, Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.

March 29.—H.K. Jockey Club extra race meeting.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.
March 21.—Lammert Bros. at Sales Room, Duddell St., a valuable collection of postage stamps, 6.15 p.m.
March 24.—Lammert Bros. at No. 3 Gascoigne Road, Kowloon, valuable household furniture, 3.30 p.m.

COMPANY MEETINGS.
March 20.—Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., ordinary yearly meeting at 2, Queen's Building, noon.
March 22.—Yearly Meeting of Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd., 11.30 a.m.

March 27.—Fifty-fifth meeting of shareholders of the H.K. Fire Insurance Co., Ltd. at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's offices, noon.
March 29.—Further extraordinary general meeting of the Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, 11 a.m.

March 29.—Ordinary Meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Company's offices 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.

March 31.—Forty-sixth annual meeting of shareholders of the China Sugar Refining Co., at Messrs. Jardine Matheson's Offices, at 11 a.m.

OTHER MEETINGS.
March 24.—Annual meeting of Members of the H.K. General Chamber of Commerce in the Old Chamber of Commerce Room, City Hall, 4 p.m.

March 25.—Thirty-eighth yearly meeting of Members of the Hongkong Club, in the Club House, 5.30 p.m., to be followed by an extraordinary General Meeting immediately after.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.
Ex-Admiral Chan Chak, former River Defence Commissioner at Pak-kai, Kowloon, is reported by the *Tsun Wai Yat Po* as being likely to go to Shanghai for "holiday" as he is reluctant to re-enter politics.

The hearing of the exchange action in which the Bank of East Asia is suing Mr. J. H. N. Moody, was concluded at the Supreme Court yesterday. The Chief Justice (Sir William Rees Davies K.C.) reserved judgment.

More non-Cantonese troops are due in Canton shortly, according to a report from our Canton correspondent. Other factions with territory under their control which provides them with sustenance are feeling concerned at the possible necessity of providing pastures for the new-comers.

A clin fight which led to a number of shots being fired into the air occurred at Tsun-chau-wan, near Shamsui, last night. Before any harm was done, however, the police arrived and took into custody six men who are alleged to have taken part in the brawl.

During the absence from the Colony of the Rev. G. T. Wakecrave, the Rev. N. A. Peel will be in charge of the work of the Missions to Seamen in Hongkong, and will also act as Hon. Secretary of the General Charities Organisation. Mr. C. Champkin has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Hongkong Boy Scouts.

A very interesting function took place at the office of the Catholic Monthly, *Religion et Patrie*, on Sunday, the 16th instant. It was the inauguration of the image of St. Francis de Sales, Patron of Catholic writers and journalists, in the said office, and also a reception in honour of Mr. Santos e Silva and Mr. Lopes, both of Shanghai, whose literary contributions to the above monthly have been greatly appreciated. Mr. Orazio, however, could not be present on account of an appointment at Homanu.

World records must have been broken in a race over the hills on Saturday night, when an armed gang chased two farmers from their match at Au Tau, New Territories, and fired shots at them. With the advantage of a short start, the farmers deserted their abode and kept ahead of the robbers all the way. The hares won but not before one of them had been grazed in the cheek by a shot from a pistol. Ultimately the robbers gave up the pursuit and disappeared.

COSTLY TIMBER.

LOG THAT DISAPPEARED.

The loss of a log of wood valued at \$766.91 formed the subject of an action heard in the Summary Court this morning before Mr. Justice Gompertz. The plaintiffs, described in the writ as N. V. Dr. Lam Yun-hie Houtcoussies, claimed from the defendants, the Tung Cheong firm, the return of the log or its value.

Appearing on behalf of the plaintiffs, Mr. R. E. A. Webster said that the plaintiffs were a limited company registered at Rio in the Dutch East Indies. They owned a large tract of country there and exported timber to all parts of the world. To Hongkong, where the company had a branch office, they sent large quantities of yacle wood, a very hard timber. On March 6, a shipload of yacle logs arrived from Nachuna Island for the plaintiffs who engaged the defendants to unload it and take the timber to the Kwong Mow Hing firm's yard on the seashore at Kowloon. The boatmen who unloaded the timber gave receipt for 683 logs and it transpired later that one of the logs was missing. Yacle wood, explained Mr. Webster, was very heavy and would not float and the log could only have been lost during transit from the ship's side to the timber yard.

The defence, as presented by Mr. F. E. Nash, was that the log was duly delivered and was still lying on the foreshore. It was explained that in a quantity of logs in which plaintiffs said there were 60 unmarked there were actually 61. After a good deal of evidence had been heard on both sides the case was adjourned to this afternoon.

"OULD 'OIRELAND."

ST. PATRICK'S DAY IN HONGKONG.

Irishmen the world over celebrated in true patriotic style St. Patrick's Day yesterday. And the little community of Irish people in Hongkong, though perhaps lacking in numbers, observed the anniversary with the characteristic fervour and enthusiasm of their race.

St. Patrick's Club at 5 Garden Road, was indeed "wearin' the green" last night. A concert arranged by the Club was one of the most successful for a long time. "The Dear Little Shamrock," "Erin" were encored time and again. The Band of the East Surreys acquitted themselves excellently for the event and the programme of individual numbers proved popular throughout the evening. Amongst those contributing items were Mrs. E. M. Clark, Mrs. Clements, Lieut. Allcock, Mr. Charles Olive, Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, Mr. John Dillon, Jr., Mr. S. M. West, Mr. A. Martin, L/Cpl. Kidd and Pte. John.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Club was held in the Hongkong Hotel yesterday evening. Opportunity was taken to wish bon voyage to Mr. R. J. Wilton who is shortly going home to retire. After paying high tributes to Mr. Wilton's services to local sport, Mr. McCubbin presented him with a dressing case as a little souvenir from the members of the Club. Mr. Wilton suitably responded.

Mr. J. B. Caw who passed his examination for the Master Mariner's certificate last Saturday, will shortly take over command of the new steamer now being purchased by Messrs. Carmichael and Clark in America. For a time, Mr. Caw was sailing master of a pearling schooner around the Amru Islands and picked up one of the biggest pearls found in recent years. Mr. Caw is well known in Hongkong, chiefly in shipping circles, he was recently chief officer on the "Fong Ton."

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Miss Rose Quin has left for Shanghai where she is to be married.

According to a *Reuter* cable from the Hague, Baron van Nagell, Councillor of the Dutch Legation at Berlin, has been appointed Minister to Rumania.

The general anxiety and apprehension caused by the Prince of Wales' eleventh riding accident, which might so easily have had a far graver sequel, says a *Reuter* cable from London, is expressed by most morning papers which, while recognising the Prince's courage, strongly urge upon him the duty of lessening his risks in view of his position. Official reports state that the horse ridden by the Prince of Wales fell with him. He sustained a slight concussion and some abrasions on the face. He spent a quiet day abed, and is progressing satisfactorily, but will be unable to fulfil any public engagements during the coming week.

CABLES TO CANTON.

IMPROVED SERVICE PROMISED.

"MATTER OF DAYS."

MESSAGES TO BE SENT VIA MACAO.

Merchants interested in the Canton trade and others who use the cables between Hongkong and Canton, will be pleased to learn that improvement—if only partial for the time being—is to be forthcoming almost immediately in the telegraphic service between this Colony and the southern metropolis.

An official of the Hongkong office of the Chinese Telegraphs Administration—which controls the lines in Chinese territory—told a *China Mail* reporter this morning that arrangements were being made for cables handed in at Hongkong or Canton to be sent over the wires instead of through the post. He understood that Mr. E. F. Airey, Superintendent of the Eastern Extension Co., had gone to Macao to "fix matters up." Through the courtesy of the E. E. Co. it was proposed to send the cables via Macao, and over the Chinese lines in the river delta, to Canton, and vice versa. The official was confident that the project was workable and a service, equal to if not faster than that in force before the interruption, would be started in a matter of days. He added that the charge per word would be about the same as before. Possibly it might be a little higher on account of the extra transmission cost but it would be by no means exorbitant.

Asked to explain the unsatisfactory state of affairs which the Chamber of Commerce had, in its annual report, described as a "serious handicap to trade," the official said that the land lines passed through the East River territory where rival factions of troops had been in continual opposition with the result that wires were cut by irresponsible men. Last year the Chinese Administration had succeeded in persuading a number of workmen to venture into the danger zone and effect the repairs but just as they had re-established connection, the typhoon wrought further havoc and since then, no workmen would take the risk of harm from the invading troops.

He remarked that transmission via Macao would give satisfaction as there was little probability of congestion. As the Chinese lines passed over territory wholly under the control of one faction, it was unlikely that any wrecking would be done. Questioned as to the proposed method for dealing with international cables, i.e., cables beyond Hongkong, he said that they would have to go through the post for some time yet, but danger of delay would be minimised by the Administration having special messengers to travel on the boats and to ensure immediate delivery on arrival.

[It will be recalled that the report of the Chamber of Commerce, published on Friday, also mentioned the facts that overtures had been made to the Government with regard to the transmission of private messages by Naval wireless, that correspondence had been taken place with the Canton British Chamber and that a resolution on the subject had been moved at the Chambers of Commerce Conference, Shanghai.]

CAUGHT IN THE ACT.

HARDENED PICKPOCKET JAILED.

Mr. M. A. dos Remedios, merchant, of No. 10, Eastern House, Park Avenue, was the complainant in a case of attempted larceny before Mr. E. W. Hamilton this morning.

In the witness-box he stated that he was at the parcels counter in the General Post Office when defendant pushed into him. Witness grabbed defendant's hand when the man tried to insert it into a pocket containing an envelope with \$5.80.

Mr. J. M. Brito, clerk at the G.P.O., corroborated this evidence. He was at the counter when he saw defendant put his hand almost into complainant's pocket.

Defendant displayed an unusual knowledge of cross-examination. He pointed out that Mr. Brito was behind the counter and could neither see his hand nor Mr. Remedios's pocket. He claimed therefore that as witness could not see, the action had never taken place and by logic, witness was lying.

His Worship held the opposite view. Inspector Blackman produced his record which showed that since 1912, defendant had been in jail with hard labour on three occasions and had also been banished for five years to Canton. Hitherto, defendant had assumed an air of injured innocence but he smiled as sentence of six months' hard labour was passed, and said "Yon Westerners only deal with the present and not with (what happened) in mythology."

"TAI LEE" PIRACY.

MURDERED SKIPPER'S DEATH.

CORONER'S INQUIRY HELD.

In view of the current controversy about the working of the piracy regulations special interest attached to the inquiry begun by the Coroner (Mr. R. E. Lindsell) and a jury this afternoon into the circumstances surrounding the death of Captain Willox, formerly master of the Kongmoon steamer "Tai Lee," who was shot when pirates took charge of his ship last January.

Captain Willox was one of the best known skippers on the Kongmoon run and it is surmised that he was shot in cold blood as he was coming out of the lavatory. He was found the morning after the gang left the ship, with a bullet wound in his chest, another in the abdomen and a third in the thigh. It is suggested that the boatswain of the ship, who is alleged to have taken a prominent part in the piracy, was the murdered skipper's assailant. An Indian guard also met his death at the hands of the pirates while two others were seriously wounded in attempting to stem the rush for control of the vessel.

The inquiry was held at the Marine Court and Lieut. R. R. Beauchamp (Assistant Harbour Master) sat with the Coroner on the Bench. The jurors were Messrs. H. R. B. Hancock (foreman), F. A. Perry and A. F. B. Silva-Netto.

Mr. C. G. Perdue, A. S. P. and Assistant Director of Criminal Intelligence, conducted the inquiry on behalf of the Police. Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton appeared for the China Coast Officers' Guild and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China. Mr. T. T. Laurensen, assistant secretary to the former, was also in court.

Opening the inquiry Mr. Lindsell said that it was legally in the form of an inquest. But at the same time, it would not be outside the scope of the inquiry to investigate the method of searching adopted by the Police before the "Tai Lee" sailed, the observance or otherwise of the Anti-Piracy Regulations by the ship's officers and crew, and, finally, the conduct of the ship's complement when the piracy occurred. The jurors' main function would be to determine the cause of death in the case of Captain Willox and these other questions, they would have to consider subsidiarily.

Sub-Inspector Robert Shannon was the first witness called and evidence was being given as we went to press.

CHESS FIEND.

PLAYING PASSERS-BY FOR MONEY.

Is playing chess for money gaming? Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Police Court this morning, expressed a view that chess is a game of skill.

A Chinese had been charged with street-gambling. He confessed to being a professor and running several games outside the recreation ground at Hollywood Road with passers-by for small stakes.

His Worship said that it might be a case of obstruction and told defendant not to play chess for money and if possible, not to play it in the streets. Defendant was cautioned.

AFTER 17 YEARS.

That his client had been seventeen years in Mexico and had only returned on hearing his mother and brother had been killed by robbers, was the plea put forward by Mr. G. R. Haywood in extenuation of a charge of possession of arms and ammunition, preferred against a Chinese who appeared on remand before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning.

Acting Inspector Spear told His Worship that the ammunition was hidden in holes drilled in the side of a box, which defendant brought back on the "President Wilson." His Worship asked if defendant still had the letter which conveyed the sad news and was told that this had been destroyed by fire. Sentence was reserved.

ANOTHER RADIO CLUB.

CHINESE Y. M. C. A. ENTERPRISE.

As a result of Professor Robertson's recent visit and lectures a Radio Club in connection with the Chinese Y. M. C. A. has been formed with Dr. Pun Yung-wei as President, Mr. K. T. Lee as Vice-President, and Mr. Lei Shui-kee as Hon. Sec. and Treasurer. These gentlemen are all enthusiasts and may be relied upon to organize the club on right lines.

INFAMOUS HONGKONG!

OUR SOCIAL EVIL AGAIN ATTACKED.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

LONDON, March 17. In the House of Commons, Mr. H. Snell (Labour) asked, was the Secretary of Customs aware that it was part of the duties of a Government official in Hongkong to pass young girls into brothels in the Colony, and whether it was proposed to take any action in the matter.

Mr. J. H. Thomas replied that the object of the practice was purely protective. (Cries of "Oh.")

Reuter.

GREEK KING.

ABDICATION UNDER PAYMENT.

Athens, March 17. Negotiations between the new Republican Premier and the Royalist leaders have, according to local newspapers, resulted in the draft of an agreement which has been telegraphed to the King, under the terms of which His



Majesty would abdicate voluntarily, on condition that he retain four-fifths of the civil list, also most of the Crown domains, while internal peace would be obtained by a general amnesty, the reinstatement of capable officers, and officials, and the proclamation of a Republic by the Assembly, to be ratified by a plebiscite, also the establishment of a Senate with Royalists participating and the holding of elections under an impartial government.—Reuter.

LOCAL FOOTER.

TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE MATCHES.

Two matches in the first division of the Hongkong Football League are down for decision for to-morrow. On the Club ground, the South China Athletic will meet H.M.S. "Amphrose" and the Surrey Regt. will try conclusions with the H.K. Police at Soekumpoo. Kick-off for both matches is timed for 5 p.m. sharp.

EX-COUNTRESS IN DOCK.

A RECORD OF LARCENY AND GAUITY.

An attractive young widow, the widow of Count Gil de Bourja who was shot as a Royalist at Lisbon in 1921, pleaded guilty to larceny at the Marylebone Police Court to stealing a dress worth two guineas and a blanket valued at thirty shillings. Detective Sergeant Bushnell said that in 1915 the woman was sentenced to fourteen days' imprisonment for larceny and subsequently returned to prison on other charges. In 1917 she took to a life of gaiety at the expense of men with whom she became acquainted in the West End and eventually married a wealthy Dutchman who died shortly afterwards. She then married Count Gil de Bourja and after his tragic death married a young theatrical agent with whom she was living at the time of her arrest.

The woman heaved a deep sigh and shivered at the conclusion of the evidence, but burst into tears and collapsed in the dock when the magistrate sentenced her to a month's imprisonment on each of the two charges.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Dorcy" on 17th inst. and is to be delivered after to-day will be subject to r.t. Agents.—Dowdell & Co., Ltd.

Cargo arrived per s.s. "Karron" on 17th inst. and is to be delivered after to-day will be subject to r.t. Agents.—The Bank Line Ltd.

COMMERCE AND FINANCE.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

Last Year's \$1,618,000 Profit.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the 46th annual general meeting, to be held at the offices of the General Agents, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., at 11 a.m., on Monday, March 31, is as follows:

The working account for the year 1923, after adding \$2,762.46 brought forward from the previous account, shows a credit balance of \$1,618,688.12, which the General Agents and Consulting Committee recommend should be dealt with as follows:—

To write off Buildings \$ 75,000.00
To write off Machinery 125,000.00
To place to Reserve for Chinese Tenements 50,000.00

To place to Reserve for New Lighters 50,000.00

To place to Sugar Fluctuation Account 320,248.33

To place to Equalization of Dividend Fund 130,000.00

To pay a Bonus to Staff 27,676.03

To pay a Dividend of \$40. per share absorbing 800,000.00

To Carry to next account 40,763.76

\$1,618,688.12

Consulting Committee.—The present Committee consists of Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., Messrs. C. Gordon Mackie and H. P. White, who offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by H. Percy Smith, Esq., F.C.A. and Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

Last Year's Profits.

The report for presentation to the shareholders at the 55th ordinary meeting to be held at the offices of the Company, on Thursday, March 27, at noon, is as follows:—

Working Account 1922.—This account shows a surplus of \$633,749.89.

Reserve Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate \$200,000 out of the profits of the year 1922 to the credit of this Fund. The Reserve will then stand at \$2,000,000.

Reinsurance Fund.—It is proposed to appropriate \$17,857.82, at exchange 2/3%—\$153,749.89, out of the profits of the year 1922 to the credit of this Fund. The Fund will then stand at \$188,820.60.

Dividend.—The General Managers and Consulting Committee have pleasure in recommending a dividend of \$35 per share absorbing \$280,000.

Working Account 1923.—The balance at credit of this account is \$515,163.24.

Consulting Committee.—Mr. E. J. Chapman resigned his seat on account of his departure from the Colony and Mr. C. Bernard Brown was invited to fill the vacancy.

The Hon. Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Sir Robert Ho Tung, Messrs. C. Bernard Brown, A. H. Compton, A. S. Gubbay, T. E. Pearce and H. P. White retire but, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Mr. H. Percy Smith, Esq., F.C.A., and The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe, F.C.A., who, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

NAM PAK HONG QUIET.

No changes have occurred in the Nam Pak Hong markets for Java sugar, rice and flour. Prices are at about the same levels and weak tones prevail throughout. Clearances are poor and godowns are chock-a-block full.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In addition to the quotations given on page 17 as usual, the following should be noted:—
Hongkong Stock Exchange—H.K. Hotels \$22 cum div. ex rights nom. rights \$8 premium buyers.

Cements ex rights \$28 sellers rights \$25 1/4 prem. sales.
Ropes, ex bonus and rights \$27 nominal, rights \$3 prem. buy. Bonds shares \$27 nominal.

BRITAIN'S RAW MATERIALS.

Washington, March 17. Mr. Hoover has written to Senator Capper giving a list of raw materials imported from abroad, which he says are controlled by monopolies at an aggregate cost of half a billion dollars to the United States consumers.

He advocates protective measures, such as the stimulation of production elsewhere, and the encouragement of synthetic manufacture in the United States, but particularly urges legislation designed to create common purchasing agencies abroad, similar to the existing selling agencies.

He contends that the following products are monopolized by British interests, and are often aided by legislation in their country of origin: nitrates and iodine, in Chili; rubber, in British and Dutch colonies; and tin, controlled by British producers.

Senator Capper is introducing a Bill dealing with the question.—Reuter's American Service.

GOSPELS OR POTATOES.

Books of the New Testament, printed in Chinese, were shown to Mr. B. W. Hamilton at the Magistrate's Court this morning, when a Chinese was charged with having them without a license.

At the conclusion of the case, His Worship asked Inspector Blackman if he would like the books to be confiscated and put in the Police library. Inspector Blackman smilingly replied "No, thank you, your Worship."

Defendant pleaded guilty. In reply to the Bench he said that he had secured the books from the Bible Society. He had applied for a hawkers' license but had been refused.

His Worship allowed the man to go with a caution but told him that he could not hawk without a license. "All hawking must be licensed," said Mr. Hamilton, "whether it is Christian books or potatoes."

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DUTCH NEW GUINEA.

Berlin, March 18.

It is semi-officially denied that the German Government is in any way participating in the Netherlands German New Guinea Company.—Reuter.

COTTON MARKET.

Messrs. Morrean and Spiegelberg, Manchester, report under date February 13 as follows:—

Cotton.—Prices have given way about 1/4 d. pr. lb. since our last report.

Liverpool prices.

American Spot Feb. Mch. Apl.

Yester. day 19.32 19.03 19.12 19.11

Feb. 6 19.93 19.54 19.64 19.60

Yesterday 23.95 22.80 22.40 22.47

Feb. 6 22.85 22.45 22.05 22.73

Yarns.—Business is slow and prices have eased a little in sympathy with the raw material. The weakness is more apparent in American than Egyptian.

Cloth.—Our market remains firm with a fair amount of miscellaneous business to report.

The American spinning section of the trade is endeavouring to organize short time, and if that should not be agreed to by the trade, control of Government is demanded by a certain section of it.

Government Control existed during the war, but it is doubtful whether the Government would interfere in an industry to impose short time conditions at the request of a section of that industry.

We enclose an extract from the Board of Trade Export Statistics for January. Although the yardage is not so great as January 1923, it is still quite good for those hard times. India and the Straits show decreases, Java and China increases.

There is still a good miscellaneous enquiry. India books lines, Java and China. China is again in the market for staples. The Straits & Java are "sorting up," and only small lines are booked.

Considerable business is spoken of for the Home Trade, the Continent and for the United States.

HOLLAND'S FOREIGN TRADE.

Imports into Holland during last year reached a value of 2,000,225,705 florins, as compared with 2,027,698,790 in 1922, 2,240,219,108 in 1921 and 3,335,714,028 in 1920. The principal article of import was coal, of which the quantities and values for the last three years are shown in the following table:—

Tons of Value.
1921 1,000 kilos. Florins.
1922 4,894,318 115,443,000
1923 6,216,044 102,608,000
1924 6,395,716 113,876,000

As will be seen from the following table showing the country of origin, Great Britain was by far the largest contributor towards the coal imports of last year:—

Tons of Value.
1,000 kilos. Florins.
Great Britain 4,863,271 78,924,000
Germany 1,842,727 24,660,000
Belgium 320,781 6,488,000
United States 281,017 5,512,000

NOT GUILTY.

SHANGHAI FRAUD CASE DISMISSED.

"EXTRAVAGANT YOUNG ASS."

N. W. Bowler was found "not guilty" of the various charges of fraud against him at the British Police Court, Shanghai, before Mr. G. W. King, and was accordingly discharged.

Mr. A. G. Hearne, Shanghai manager of the Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company of Canada, said he had Bowler in his office but defendant was not on contract with him. Bowler mentioned a scheme for insuring the employees of a big company. Witness pointed out the difficulties and suggested that defendant should work on smaller lines to "earn his bread and butter."

Witness thought that defendant's scheme was quite sound. They had two or three interviews on it, but they never went into details, and witness would certainly not have advanced anything on such a scheme. It was not a "wild cat" scheme, witness explained to the magistrate; it was a business proposition and had been carried out in many parts of the world.

Mr. E. T. Matland (for the prosecution) and Mr. M. Bender Harris (for the defence) addressed the Court and his Worship then gave his decision.

His Worship, in summing up, observed that life in England was far different from life in Shanghai. In England one could not obtain credit unless he were exceedingly well known, while in Shanghai it was the rule not the exception. He had before him a young man of 23. He had come to Shanghai with no definite position. In July he secured a position on a commission basis and it seemed that he did very well. But instead of behaving reasonably, he started by buying a motor-car. His only explanation was that he thought he would like to have a motor-car. He lived right up to his income, but up to this point, except that he had been an extravagant young ass, it could not be said that he had done anything criminal.

Then, his Worship continued, defendant went to Hongkong, but the fact that he had been there did not have the effect of bringing him up with a round turn. He had been to Jack Case and obtained credit there. That action, his Worship thought, was not in any way criminal. There was no question of false pretences; defendant only obtained credit in the ordinary way.

Defendant obtained more employment, his Worship went on, and then started his real career of extravagance. He obtained a car from Humber Motors and gave a cheque for \$2,000. Not satisfied with that, he went to Mrs. Wallis and ran up further debts, and then went to Mrs. and Mr. Crafts and contracted another debt to the extent of about \$1,000. His Worship observed that if he seemed to be harsh in speaking of this young man as an "extravagant young ass," he thought he was fully justified on the evidence. But all this was merely the moral aspect of defendant's actions; he had to deal with the law and was governed by the rules of the law.

Five charges were brought originally, continued his Worship. Three of them he had held could not be substantiated, and had he not decided to deal with defendant summarily he would not have framed a charge on the Humber Motors incident. That was not a case of false pretences, which was necessary in law.

Finally, his Worship went on, he came to the Humber Motors, a really serious case. It was quite clear that defendant obtained credit, but the essential thing was the intent to defraud. Having decided to try the case summarily, he had now to give his decision as a jury would, and he had to advise himself as he would advise a jury.

Now, against the defendant, the prosecution alleged that he had obtained money when he spoke of the North China Daily News, and at the time he gave the cheque he knew it could not possibly be met.

In defendant's favour, it was admitted that he was in debt when he gave the cheque, but it was not thought that he had intended to defraud. He had obtained credit from the Humber Motors very strongly, because the Court had had it in evidence from the manager that what induced him to part with the car was the fact that he received a cheque. Defendant's plea was that he did not intend to defraud because he had hopes of getting money later on. Defendant also retained the car himself, and another point in his favour was that he made no attempt to leave. He was extravagant but not criminal. His Worship had to be convinced beyond all reasonable doubt that defendant did intend to defraud when that cheque was given. He could not say that a jury would convict and he, therefore, had to discharge defendant.

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"KASHMIR"	8,903	29th Mar.	Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,686	4th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	7,408	4th Apr.	Shanghai.
"PLASTIC"	7,408	5th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"KBIWA"	7,027	18th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASTERN"	4,000	2nd May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SICILIA"	8,813	3rd May	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	8,840	13th May	Shanghai
"MOREA"	10,911	18th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	7th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,686	11th June	Shanghai.
"KARMALA"	9,068	13th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe.
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"KAISAR-I-HIND"	11,430	22nd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,903	3rd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
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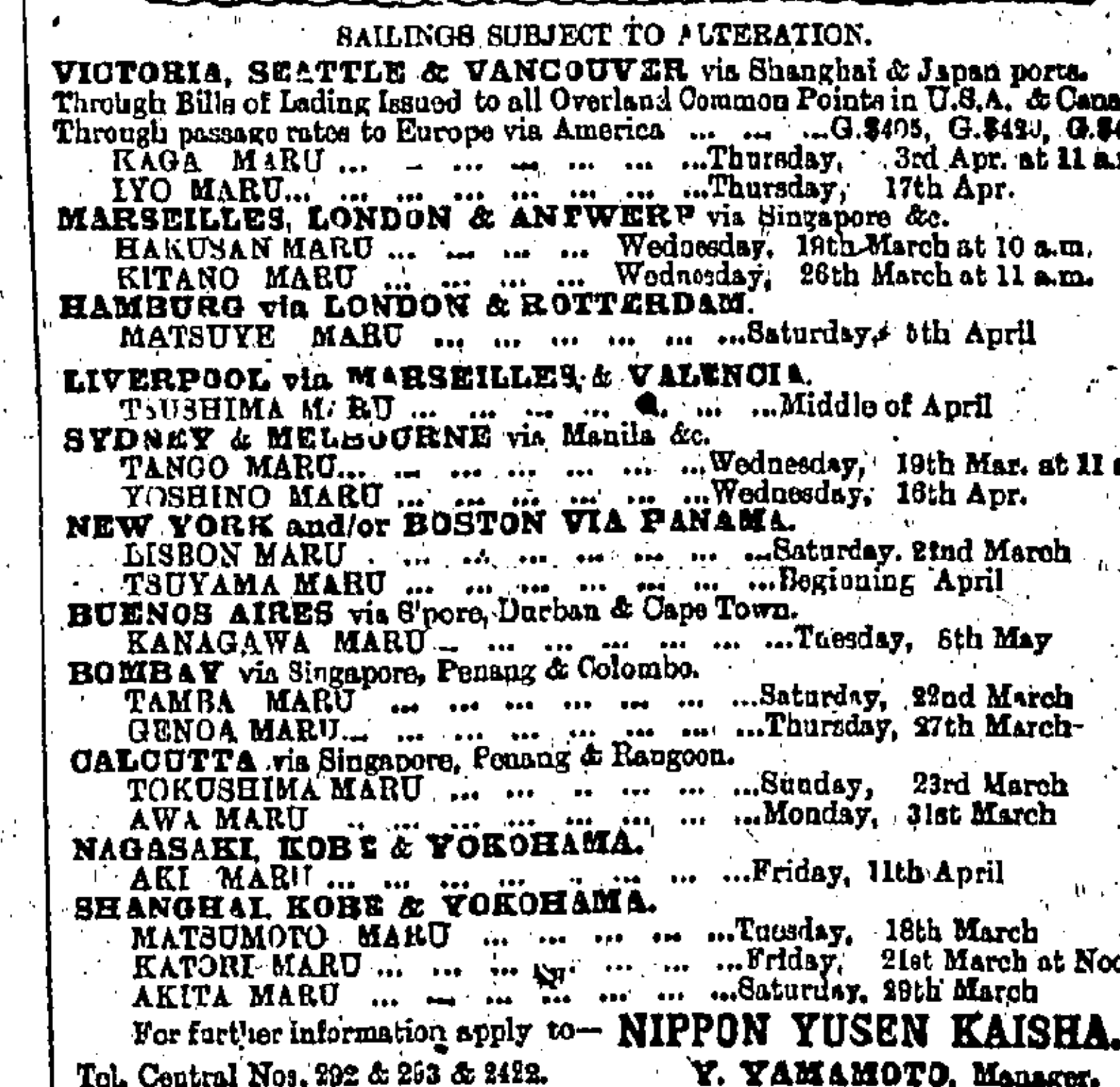
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Dab, —Sha Hing Yu	"	24	18
Dab, —Sha Hing Yu	"	22	15
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Eels, Conger, —Hol Man	"	38	16
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Goodnoon, —Pak Kai Yu	"	38	18
Hallbut, —Two Pak	"	30	22
Hallbut, —Cheung Kwan Kap	"	54	18
Labrus, —Wong Pa Yu	"	30	22
Loach, —Wa Yu	"	65	22
Lobster, —Lung Si	"	80	32
Mackerel, —Chi Yu	"	32	20
Morik Fish, —Mong Yu	"	42	22
Mullet, —Hail Yu	"	42	18
Oysters, —Shang Ho	"	30	16
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Percy, —Tan Lo	"	32	20
Pike, —Pa Pau Fong	"	18	16
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Sap, —Fai Pa Sha	"	10	10
Rock Fish, —Shok Kau Kang	"	22	12
Roach, —Ohun Yu	"	36	22
Salmon, —Ma Yu	"	50	38
Shark, —Sha Yu	"	18	8
Skate, —Po Yu	"	16	10
Slimps, —Ha	"	58	28
Squapper, —Lap Yu	"	48	32
Sole, —Tat Sha Yu	"	38	28
Tench, —Wan Yu	"	40	22
Turbot, —Two Hau Yu	"	38	24
Turtles, small fresh water.			
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Vegetables, &c.			
Artichokes,—Ah Ohl Cheuk	...	10	—
Beans, Sprout,—Nga Tsoo	...	b	5
Long,—Tsoi Koi	...	13	8
Beet Root,—Hung Tsoi Kwa	...	2 each	—
Bitter Squash,—Fu Kaa	...	10	8
Brinjals, Green,—Ching Yau Kwa	...	6	5
Red,—Huei Kaa	...	6	5
Cabbage Chinese, (common),—			
Kai Tsoi	...	8	5
(Shanghai)—Yo Tsoi	...	10	12
Cane Shoots, bunch,—Kan Shan	...	—	—
Caruliflower (Large),—Yo Tsoi Fat Tsoi	...	20	—
(Medium),	...	15	—
(Small),	...	12	—
Cassia,—Kam Shan	...	lb.	6
Celery Chinese,—Tong Kan Tsoi	...	6	10
Chillies, Dried,—Kou Lai Chia	...	20	25
Red,—Hung Fa Chia	...	15	10
Green,—Ching Lai Chia	...	14	8
Curry Stuff, English,—Ka Lai Chai Lau	...	lb.	10
Cucumbers,—Ching Kwa	...	each	4
Garlic,—Sui Tau	...	lb.	8
Ginger young,—Sui Tau Keung	...	10	7
Ginger, old,—Lo Keung	...	10	10
Horseradish, Shanghai,—Lif Kan	...	20	45
Indian Corn,—Shuk Mai	...	each	10
Lettuce,—Yeung Shing Tsoi	...	lb.	8
Water Chestnuts,—Ma Tai	...	lb.	10
Mandarin,—Kwai			
Lam Mei	...	12	10
Mushrooms, Fresh,—Shang Tsoi Koi	...	...	...
Okros	...	...	1
Onions, Bombay,—Yeung Chung Tau	...	10	8
Onions, Green,—Shang Chung	...	lb.	6
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Chung Tau	...	8	6
Parsley,—Kui Tau	...	80	60
Potato, Sweet,—Fai Shu	...	25	2
Japanese,—Yat Fun Shu Tai	...	lb.	8
American,—Wa Ki Shu Tai	...	8	8
Pumpkin,—Tung Kwa	...	lb.	4
Raddish,—Hang Lo Pak Tai	...	5	5
Rhubarb (Fresh),—Tui Wong	...	...	...
Shallots,—Kong Hong Tau	...	10	8
Spinach,—Yin Tau	...	...	4
Tomatoes,—Fan Ka	...	...	7
Taro,—Wo Tau	...	4	6
Turnip, Punkt, (Long),—Lo Pak	...	5	6
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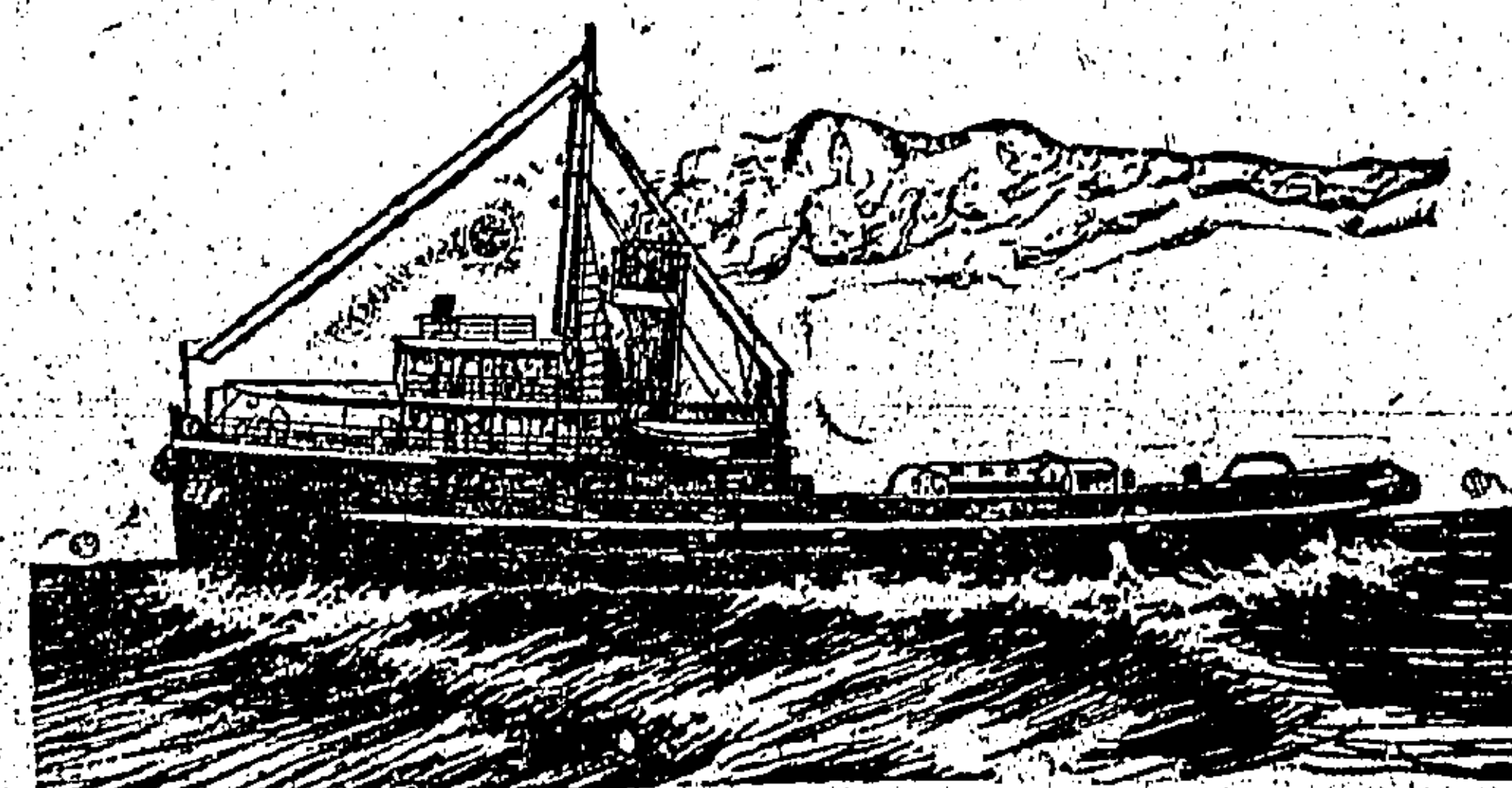
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HONGKONG MOTORISTS. AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Automobile Association was held yesterday evening when the following members were present:—Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard (in the chair), C. D. Lambert, D. J. Lewis, C. P. Marcel, E. M. Sleight, Robert Yip, G. H. Wilson, G. H. Banner, E. C. Tregillus, J. Smith, C. A. Middleton-Smith, W. J. E. Mackenzie, Capt. Riggs, E. V. Sorby, C. C. Hickling, G. M. Shaw, R. Pestonji, C. Lauritsen, T. Oliphant, J. Owen-Hughes, and P. M. Hodgson (Hon. Secretary). The Chairman read the following report:—

Gentlemen.—The accounts for the year ending December 31, 1923, have been in your hands for a few days, and with your permission I will take them as read. Membership Increase. "Since we last met, I am glad to say that the membership of the Association has considerably increased, and there are now just on 300 members, some of whom are temporarily absent. There is also a marked increase in the recognition of the Association as being a body of usefulness to motorists. This is as it should be, and the more members we have the greater our influence. The recognition given to our Association by the Royal Automobile Club and the Automobile Association & Motor Union at Home is gratifying, and members who go home armed with a certificate of membership and an introduction will always find these Home institutions of great assistance and benefit. Reciprocal facilities have been arranged with the Home Association whereby members of either Association are able to join each Association at reduced annual fee, without entrance fee. The new badge of our Association, which is the badge of an Associate of the R.A.C., London, with local colour, is attractive, and it is desirable that all our members procure one from the Hon. Secretary.

More British Cars. There is now a much larger number of British cars in the Colony, which is most satisfactory, and I feel confident that as their merits are more fully appreciated they will become increasingly popular.

Your Committee during the past year have had a good deal of correspondence with the Government upon matters generally affecting motorists, and I wish again to record the courtesy and assistance which has been shown us in matters to which we have considered attention was desirable.

The roads in the Colony suffered very much from the big typhoon last August, and the heavy rains in the autumn, and their upkeep has been a difficult matter. With increasing traffic and more motoring roads, the need of a large staff of workmen and constant attention is necessary, but the surface of these roads is gradually being improved. By the end of the year I think you will find all the motoring roads in first class condition.

Traffic control of vehicles has much improved, and the system of lights at night at certain spots has, I think, proved to be successful.

Ferry Transport. I regret that I cannot report any improved transport of cars and cycles across the harbour. We are still indebted to the Star Ferry Company for what they give us, and grateful as we are for an obviously non-paying privilege, it is of course totally inadequate, and we would urge the Government to give this matter its early consideration.

Recently the Association arranged with the "Hongkong Telegraph" to produce a weekly four page supplement as the official organ of the Association, and it has, I think, proved of interest. It is hoped to go one further and to supply monthly to members, free of charge, a very well produced production called "Asiatic Motor," which is illustrated and will contain local gossip, notes, photographs, and articles of particular interest to local motorists. The arrangements have not yet been completed, as they depend upon whether members will agree to increase the annual subscription, which will be the subject of a resolution to be put before members at the meeting to be held at the end of this meeting. Without further funds, we could not afford to present this interesting monthly to members free of charge.

A reduction in the price of Shell, Socoy, and Texaco gasoline, for members carrying the badge of the Association, was arranged, and although we think

the present price is too high it is difficult to induce the suppliers to agree with us.

During last summer, the first motor trials were held, and these were successfully organised by the "Hongkong Telegraph" to which the Association lent its full support. The entries were good for motor cycles but poor for cars. There is no reason why further successful trials should not be held. Two unfortunate fatal accidents occurred at the trials, and the Association sent expressions of deep regret and sympathy to the near relatives. The lesson learnt is, I think, that it is clearly demonstrated that high speed trials by amateurs are not desirable, and this Association will not lend its support to such contests.

Garage accommodation is becoming increasingly scarce in this Colony. Most private owners are largely dependent upon the Hongkong Hotel Company for the storage of their cars, and the new garage this Company is erecting at the entrance to Stubbs Road should relieve the pressure considerably. It is hoped that the Association will be able to accumulate funds sufficient to enable it to own its own garage, centrally situated, and where facilities and expert mechanical advice can be sought and obtained.

It has been suggested that the Association form a branch section for motor cyclists, and I think this is a very good idea. I am sure that the in-coming Committee will give this full consideration. In accordance with the decision come to at the last annual meeting, we gave up the Club room last year, and I do not think the lack of one has been felt at all. Before proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, I wish to refer to our Hon. Secretary, Mr. Hodgson, who takes the keenest interest in everything pertaining to motoring, and puts in a lot of time on our behalf. He is constantly devising ways and means of making the Association of greater benefit to members, and it is a great pleasure to me to express our thanks to him for his hard work.

The report and accounts were unanimously adopted.

The following officials were elected for the current year:—President, Mr. H. W. Bird; Vice-President, Mr. Robert Yip; Hon. Treasurer, Messrs. Linstead & Davis; Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. M. Hodgson; Committee, Messrs. G. H. Banner, D. J. Lewis, C. P. Marcel, W. J. E. Mackenzie, C. A. Peel, W. E. Roberts, E. M. Sleight, C. A. Middleton-Smith, J. Smith, and G. H. Wilson.

Special General Meeting. At a special general meeting of the members of the Hongkong Automobile Association held yesterday evening, the following members were present:—Messrs. D. G. M. Bernard (in the chair), C. D. Lambert, D. J. Lewis, C. P. Marcel, E. M. Sleight, Robert Yip, G. H. Wilson, G. H. Banner, E. C. Tregillus, J. Smith, C. A. Middleton-Smith, W. J. E. Mackenzie, Capt. Riggs, E. V. Sorby, C. C. Hickling, G. M. Shaw, R. Pestonji, C. Lauritsen, T. Oliphant, J. Owen-Hughes, and P. M. Hodgson (Hon. Secretary).

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen.—This meeting has been called, as you will gather from the notice convening the meeting, just read, to ask you to sanction the increase of the annual subscription of members owning cars to \$10. As you know, the present annual subscription is \$5, and when this Association was formed in 1918 it was not anticipated that there would be much need for money, as there were at that time very few motorists in the Colony. Times have changed, and the number of motorists largely increased, and with this a demand for increased facilities. Without money it is impossible to do much, and your Committee trust that you will give your unqualified support to the resolution contained in the notice, and which I am about to propose, as the advantages generally to be gained. I feel sure, will repay the small extra yearly subscription. I therefore propose the following resolution:—

"The following Rule shall be substituted for Rule No. 8 of the Rules and Constitution of the Hongkong Automobile Association:—

8.—Each member shall on election pay an entrance fee of \$5, and subscription of \$10 per annum in the case of owners of cars, and \$5 in the case of owners of Motor Cycles only.

If someone will second this, I shall be pleased to hear anything any member has to say, and to answer any questions that may be put to the best of my ability. The resolution was seconded by Mr. C. D. Lambert and carried unanimously.

RIFLE SHOOTING. FORTHCOMING INTERPORT.

Local marksmen are getting ready for the interport rifle shooting championship for which teams representing Hongkong, Singapore, Shanghai and Penang will compete next month. Hongkong won the shield last year and hope to be able to retain it.

The Committee invites anyone interested in rifle shooting to put in as much practice as possible, and attend the practices which will be arranged later on the range where the actual Interport will be shot off. Any European who wishes to compete for a place in the team and is not in possession of a short service Lee Enfield rifle may get one by submitting his name to the Hon. Secretary. Conditions are: King's 1st stage, 1923.

There was some good shooting at the Taikoo range last Sunday when teams representing H.M. Dockyard, the Volunteers and the Defence Corps tried conclusions in connection with the League competition.

The Scores.
Shot at Taikoo on Sunday:—
Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Mr. Swan	100
Mr. Summers	97
Mr. F. Goodman	93
Mr. Raiton	91
Mr. Lyon	89
Mr. Shaw	88
Mr. R. Goodman	85
Mr. W. Eldridge	80
	723

H.M. Dockyard.	
Mr. McGuigan	94
Mr. Gill	92
Mr. Brock	89
Mr. Mayer	88
Mr. Sampson	88
Mr. Cassidy	84
Mr. Nicholson	81
Mr. McCarthy	66
	682

Royal Engineers.	
Lieut. Sheppard	85
S/M Northover	81
L/C Bishop	74
Sapper Baker	71
L/C Cleaver	55
Lieut. Taylor	78
Sapper Meason	38
Sapper Fitzgerald	37
	514
*31 for open sights	31
	545

"Tamar" v. Police.
Shot at Stonecutters on Sunday:—
H.M.S. "Tamar."

Captain Quinlan	89
Sergt. Kennedy	89
C.P.O. Williams	84
P.O. Lear	83
E.R.A. Wilkes	82
P.O. Lamson	81
P.O. Figgitt	78
Mne. Carrington	74
	659

Hongkong Police.	
Sergt. Carpenter	91
Sergt. Smith	80
Sergt. Knowles	74
Sergt. Wynne	68
Sergt. Hopkins	63
Sub-Inspr. Hoare	58
Sergt. Ritchie	54
Sergt. Fraser	52
	540

Position of Clubs.

H.M.S. Dispatch	11	10	1	10
H.K. Volunteers	8	8	0	3
H.M.S. Tamar	9	1	8	1
H.M. Dockyard	6	4	2	4
94th Co. R.G.A.	12	4	4	4
H.M.S. Hawkins	8	3	5	3
Hongkong Police	5	2	3	2
H.Q. Co. East Surreys	6	2	4	2
D. " " "	6	2	4	2
E. " " "	4	2	2	2
A. " " "	3	1	2	1
H.M.S. Titania	3	1	2	1
C. Co. East Surreys	6	0	6	0
Royal Engineers	7	0	7	0

*Holders of Shield.

New York, March 17.—The international chess tournament, in which eleven of the world's most famous players are competing for \$5,000 prize money, has opened.

The United States and Russia each have three representatives. Yates represents England. Capablanca drew with Janowski of the United States after twenty moves in the first round.—Reuter's American Service.

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FORTHCOMING CONCERT.

The above Society's first concert of the present season in December last achieved so great a success that the members view with confidence assurance their next effort, which takes place in the City Hall at 9.15 p.m. on Saturday, the 29th March, as already announced elsewhere.

The principal concert item on the programme will be Sir Charles Villiers Stanford's "The Revenger," a very dramatic and pleasing work in which the chorus and a fine string orchestra, under the baton of Mr. Collett, hope to render a good account of themselves.

In addition to other items for chorus and orchestra, including solo work by well known vocalists, and some unaccompanied part songs, the orchestra will play two of Edward German's charming dances from "Henry VIII."

Two songs by the talented soprano, Mrs. G. A. Clements, will also be found on the programme, and judging from past experience, she can count on a delighted audience.

It is a pity that the date selected for the concert clashes with one or two other events in Hongkong, but in spite of this a heavy booking is anticipated. The plan is now open at The Anderson Music Co., where an early visit should be paid to secure seats.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB. FIRST EXTRA MEETING ENTRIES.

Following are the entries for the First Extra Meeting, to be held at Happy Valley, under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club, on March 29.

1st Race, March Stakes (1/2 Mile): Goom Rock, Shu River, Watheau, Cottongrass, Arctic Star, Jungle Cock, Roman Bay, Lock Rannoch, Pet Mouse, Blue Dun, What To Do.

2nd and 5th Races, Hainan Plate (A and B Class Handicaps) (6 Furlongs): Lighting, Benz, Ping Pong, Mopoke, Drake, Speargrass, Rivergrass, Gaudie, Sun Star, Rialto Star, Jungle Cock, Roman Bay, Strathfarrar, Pencaiste, Grey Dragon, White Rose, Golden Jubilee, The Wont, Duku, Langsat, King Charlie, King Canute, King Alfred, King Johnnie, Mountain Hawk, Oak Leaf, Fern Leaf, Silver Leaf, Kennington, Knockuh Leg, Uncle George, Cottongrass, Magnetite (late Jewel Dahlia II), Limonite (late Charm Dahlia), Magnificent Dahlia, Peerless Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia.

3rd Race, First Aggregate Stakes (1 Mile)—Benz, Kapt, San Star, Rialto Star, Rothsay (late Ramsbury), Garry Dragon, Spotted Sand, King Charlie, King Johnnie, Edenhall, Oak Leaf, Fern Leaf, Limonite (late Charm Dahlia), Magnificent Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia.

4th Race, Canwick Maiden Plate (From 2 M. Post R. C.)—Barcelona (late Phiggs), Gaudie, Golden Jubilee, Mountain Loch (late Loch Katrina), Silver Leaf, Nataran II, Uncle George, Magnificent Dahlia, Magnetite (late Jewel Dahlia).

6th Race, Brooksbury Stakes (1 Mile)—Goom Rock, Watheau, Speargrass, Cottongrass, Jungle Cock, Lock Rannoch, Pet Mouse, The Wont, Duku, King Alfred, Mountain Hawk, What To Do.

7th Race, The Lincolnshire Handicap (1 1/4 Miles)—Kapt, Barcelona (late Phiggs), Mopoke, Speargrass, Rivergrass, Sun Star, Rialto Star, Strathfarrar, Grey Dragon, Pencaiste, The Wont, Duku, King Johnnie, Spotted Sand, King Canute, Oak Leaf, Fern Leaf, Kennington, Nataran II, Magnetite (late Jewel Dahlia), Limonite (late Charm Dahlia), Magnificent Dahlia, Valiant Dahlia, Peerless Dahlia.

HOCKEY. CLUB v. H.K.S. R.G.A.

The following will represent the Club at the U.S.R.C. to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m.—Club in colours:—P. W. F. Mills, F. Wheeler, G. Murray, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell, L. Sim, H. Owen-Hughes, G. R. More, W. Woodward, A. Dyer Ball and B. D. Evans (Capt).

CLUB 2nd XI v. 40th COY R.E.

The following will represent the Club at Sookumpoo, to-morrow, at 5.15 p.m.—Club in colours:—L. R. Blacking, C. L. R. Becher, W. H. Edmonds (Capt), H. R. Redington, the Rev. N. Evans, G. H. Percy, C. R. Baron, R. E. A. Webster, H. Meacock, F. Schnepel and T. R. Rowell.

CLUB 2nd XI v. UNIVERSITY.

V. Flynn, A. C. L. Bowker, A. V. T. Dean, A. Bower (Capt), the Rev. T. B. Powell, D. Lyon, G. T. May, Tyler, S. G. Garrod, J. C. Paers and another.

GOLF. INTER-BANK MATCH.

The Chartered Bank proved far too good for the "Wayfoong" representatives in Sunday's inter-bank match. The former led by 6 3/4 points to 2 1/4 on the morning's singles and followed this up by winning all the foursomes in the afternoon.

The results were:—
SINGLES.

Ferguson (3 & 2)	1	Black	0
Camidge (5 & 4)	1	Moncrieff	3/4
Walker (4 & 3)	1 1/4	Walker	0
Austin (2 up)	1	Hegarty	0
Reid (5 & 4)	1 1/4	Clerk	0
Cox (3 & 2)	1	Turnbull	0
Brearely	0	Dunn (2 up)	1
Corley	0	Doyle (5 & 4)	1 1/4
			2 1/4

FOURSOMES.

Ferguson and Hegarty	0
Austin (6 & 4) 2	0
Camidge & Walker	0
Walker (4 & 3) 2 1/2	0
Reid & Cox	0
(1 up) 2	0
Brearely & Corley (2 & 1)	2
Doyle	0
	0
Singles	6 3/4
Singles	2 1/4
Grand Total	13
	2 1/4

FOOTBALL. SURREY'S v. WAYFOONG TO-DAY.

The following teams will take part in a Soccer match to-day on the Club ground, commencing at 5.15 p.m.

East Surreys: Captain Rowe; Major Paton, Captain Williams; Captain Kent, Lieutenant Armstrong, Captain Swinton; 2nd Lieutenant Buckle, Lieutenant Sutton, Lieutenant Colman, Lieutenant Cope, Lieutenant Allfree, Lieutenant Richards, Lieutenant W. J. Clerk; H. G. Hegarty, H. G. Russell; R. W. Lee, V. R. Jones, D. Nicholson; G. Groves, T. Nichol, O. Skinner, T. W. Riddell, J. A. D. Morrison. Referee: Mr. McTavish.

HAWAIIAN PLAYERS.

After a very successful season at the Theatre Royal, the Hawaiian Troubadours are now playing at Canton. From there they are going to Macao. After that they will give four performances at the "Star Theatre" Kowloon, from Sunday till Wednesday. The Hawaiians deserve better support than they got at the City Hall, as they are really a first class company. Their jazz is an added attraction, to an already fine show.

Melbourne, March 17.—The Special Service squadron arrived here this morning, and were enthusiastically welcomed by enormous crowds.—Reuter.

Cologne, March 17.—Emigration to South America from West Germany is largely increasing. Thousands have gone to Brazil during the last six months. Seven thousand are leaving Baden and Wuertemberg this month for Paraguay where the Government has granted each man from 25 to 50 acres alongside the railway. The emigrants are taking the necessary agricultural utensils, also equipment for a powerful wireless station.—Reuter.

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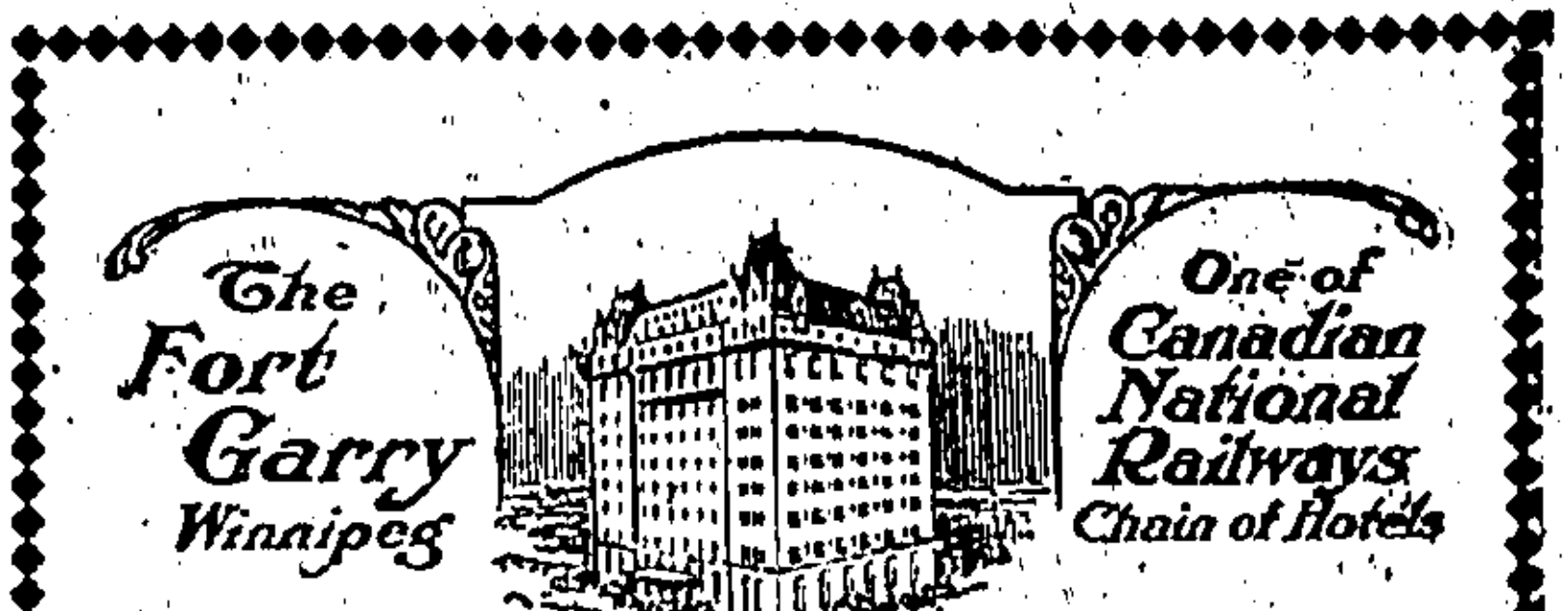
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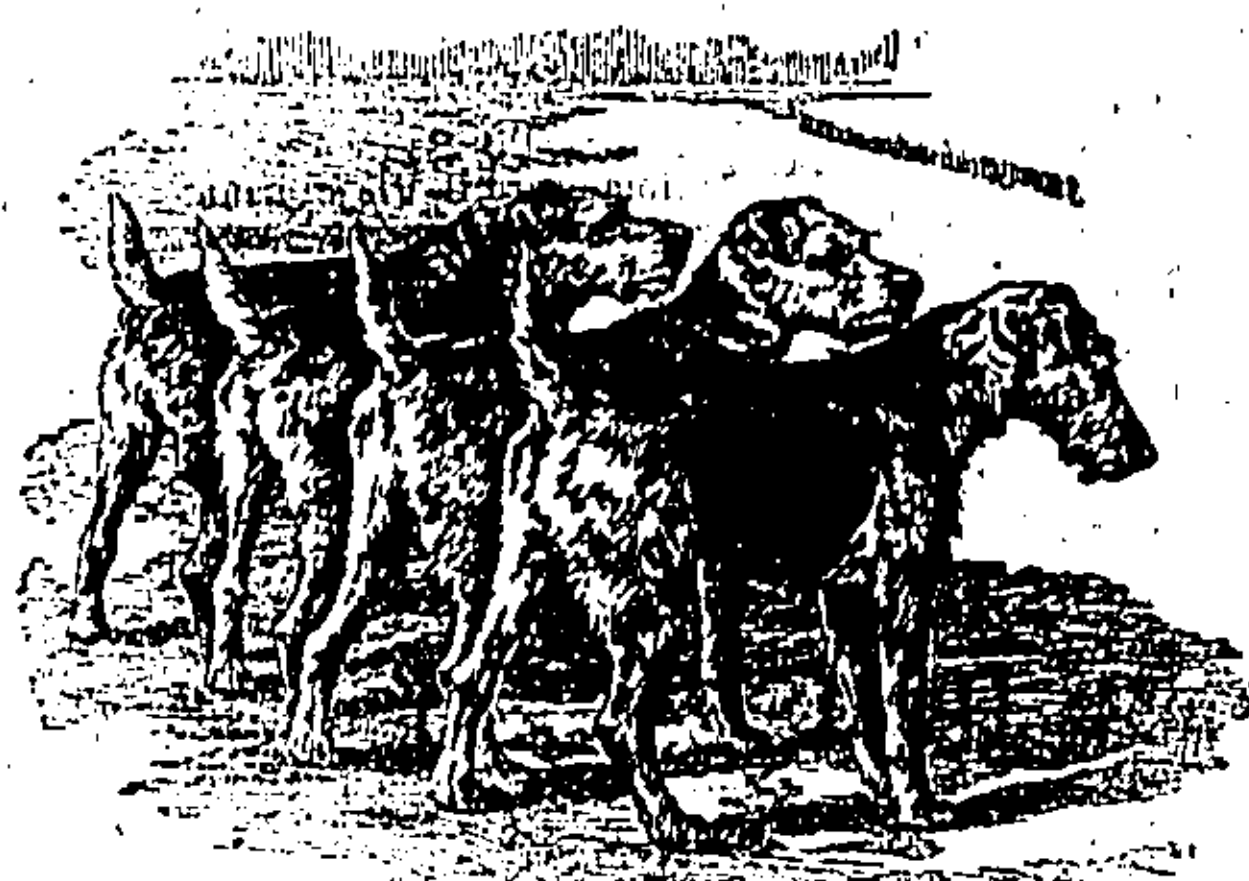
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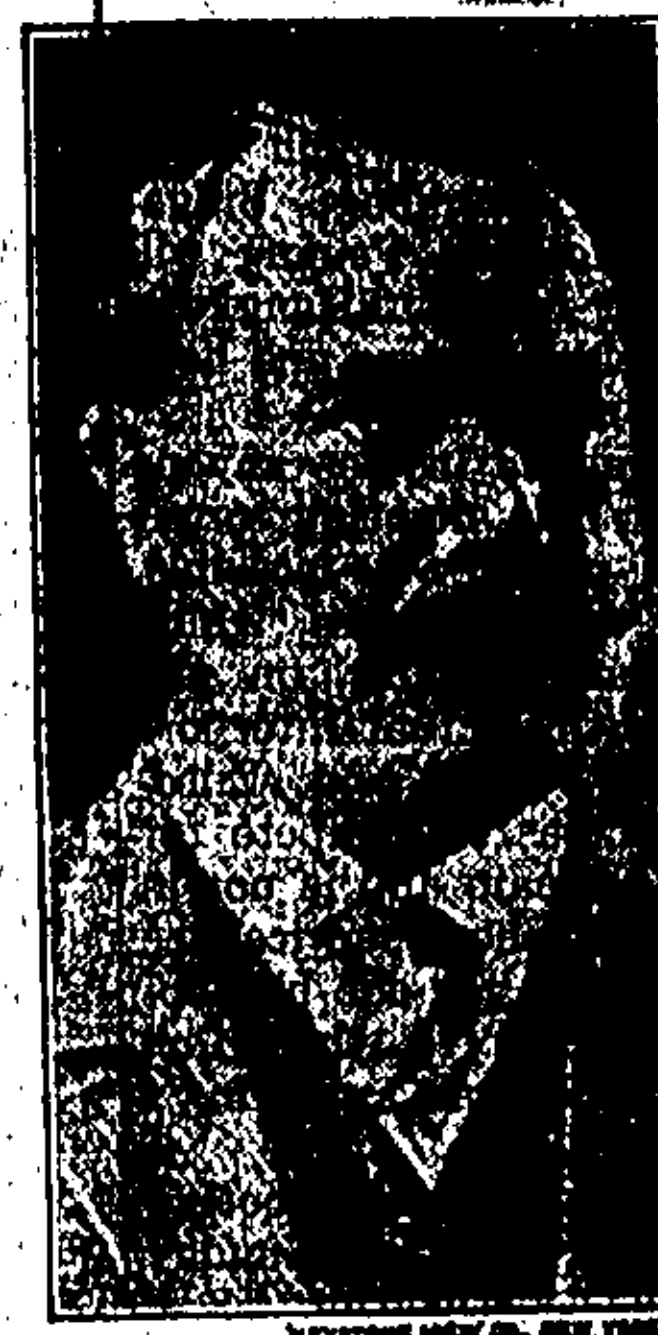
King George II, of Greece.

King George II, of Greece, who succeeded to the throne September 22, 1922, is to be paid for his abdication to-day's cables report.



Admiral Countdouritis.

Admiral Countdouritis, of the Greek Navy, who acted as Regent of Greece in 1920, was reappointed Regent, following the forced flight from the country of King George and Queen Elizabeth.



General Obregon, President

of Mexico, who alleges, according to this morning's cables, that British oil interests aided the Vera Cruz revolt.



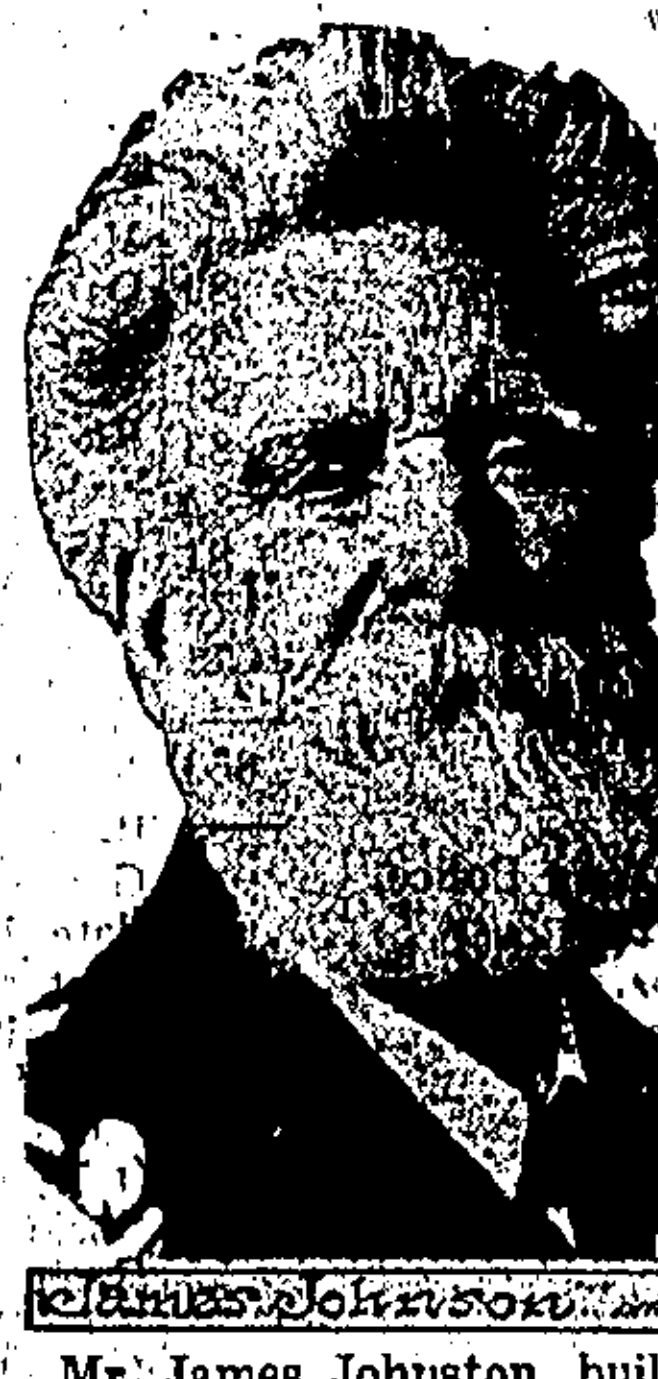
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Captain Cecil Foster (left) and Chief Officer J. C. Stewart Smith, of the "Trevesa", on their way to Buckingham Palace, where they were received by the King, who was keenly interested in the story of their escape when the "Trevesa" sank in the Indian Ocean.



Major Frederick Martin, commanding the American world flight which this afternoon's cables report now to have begun.



Lieut-Colonel William J. Shaughnessy, eldest son of the late Lord Shaughnessy, succeeded to the title on the recent death of his father in Toronto. He is a director of the Canadian Pacific Railway, of which his father was chairman.



Mr. James Johnston, builder of the famous Manchester Ship Canal, although 78, is touring the world, alone, with the enthusiasm of a boy.

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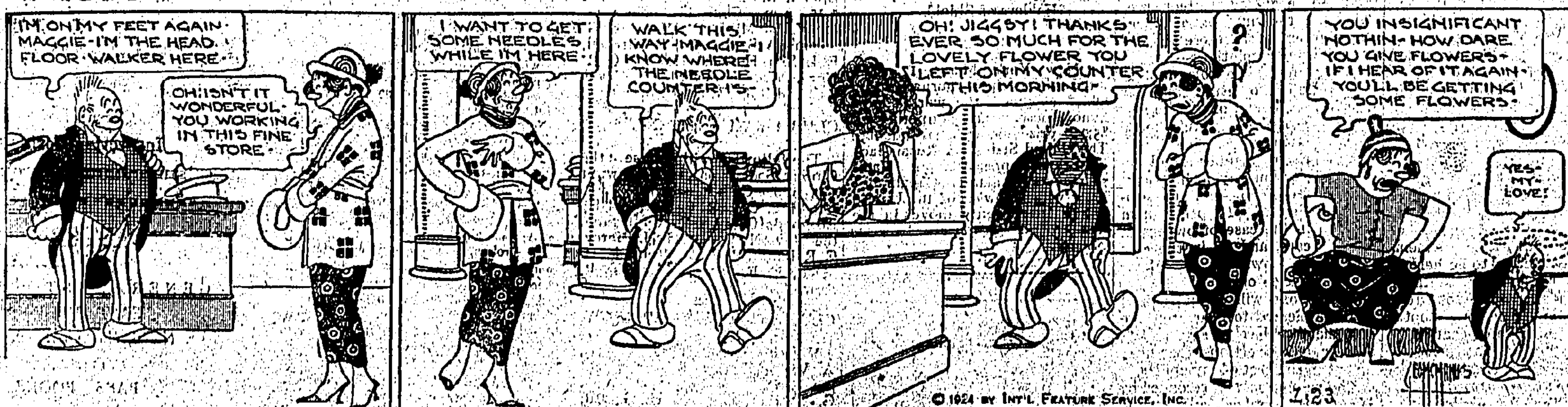
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